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GROUP ART UNIT: 3621

In re application of:

Dieter PAUSCHINGER et al.

SERIAL NO.:

09/723,029

EXAMINER: Firmin Backer

FILED:

November 27, 2000

CONFIRMATION NO.: 5658

TITLE: **"METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DEVICE AGAINST OPERATION WITH UNALLOWED CONSUMABLES AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"**
AMENDMENT "C"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	*22	MINUS	**20	X 2	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	\$36.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*3	MINUS	3	X	() X 40.00 () X 80.00	/	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$36.00	

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A check in the amount of \$____ is attached.

A check for \$____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

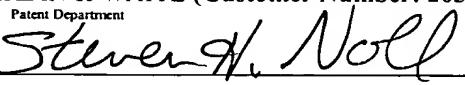
A check for \$____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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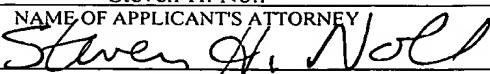
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In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, Applicants herewith
amend the application as follows.